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1. FOLLOWING FAVORABLE PRESS STATEMENT (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED); RELEASED BY GNZ JULY 23:

BEGIN STATEMENT

2. PM ROWLING ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT GNZ AND USG WOULD BE WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER, OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS, IN CARRYING OUT SERIES OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS. THESE TESTS WILL HELP SUPPORT GEOS-3 SATELLITE OBSERVATION PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY NASA.

3. "THIS PROGRAMME," MR. ROWLING SAID " WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND. ITS OBJECT IS TO MAP SURFACE OF WORLD'S OCEANS AND TO DETERMINE MEAN SEA LEVELS. THE INFORMATION WHICH COMES FROM IT WILL BE OF GREAT USE IN IMPROVING NAVIGATION."

4. MR. ROWLING SAID TESTS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN NEW ZEALAND INVOLVED DETERMINING EXACT ORBIT OF NASA GEOS-3
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SATELLITE AND TESTING USEFULNESS OF SATELLITE-BORNE

ALTIMETERS.

5. "NEW ZEALAND AND AMERICAN SCIENTISTS WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER AT ALL STAGES OF NEW ZEALAND PROGRAMME," MR ROWLING SAID. "A TEAM OF THREE AMERICAN CIVILIAN SCIENTISTS WILL SHORTLY BE ARRIVING WITH PORTABLE SPECIALISED EQUIPMENT WHICH IS TO BE USED IN JOINT PROGRAMME TO TRACK SATELLITE WHEN IT PASSES OVER NEW ZEALAND."

6. FINAL DETAILS CONCERNING NEW ZEALAND EXPERIMENTS, WHICH WILL BEGIN SOON, ARE BEING WORKED OUT BETWEEN U.S. EMBASSY AND GNZ DEPARTMENTS.

7. "ALL DATA AND INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM TESTS WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED AND FREELY AVAILABLE TO GNZ," MR ROWLING SAID. "WHEN THE PROGRAMME IS FINISHED OUR DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY WILL USE EQUIPMENT AND TRIANGULATION ON WHICH LOCATION OF ALL POINTS IN NEW ZEALAND IS BASED. THIS WILL BE OF DIRECT BENEFIT TO NEW ZEALAND."

8. MR ROWLING SAID THAT GNZ WAS HAPPY TO WORK WITH USG IN THIS PROJECT. "THE NASA PROGRAMME WILL GREATLY EXTEND MAN'S KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE OCEANS. THE TESTS WILL ALSO GIVE NEW ZEALAND SCIENTISTS OPPORTUNITY TO ADD TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OF ADVANCED SATELLITE TRACKING METHODS. THE PROJECT IS PART OF THE VALUABLE AND PRACTICAL COOPERATION WHICH HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND NEW ZEALAND, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS." END STATEMENT

9. STATEMENT BASED
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